The certification period was originally kept at one year in view of the fact that adequate testing facilities were not available in Delhi at that time.

Newsitem captioned 'Police beat up mourners at Nigambodh Ghat'

1498. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Police beat up mourners at Nigambodh Ghat" which appeared in the Indian Express dated 13th July, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the case;

(c) whether Government propose to take any action against the police officials who beat up relatives and friends of the deceased at Nigambodh Ghat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir. There was a newsitem in Indian Express in its issue of 13.7.1991 about beating up mourners at Nigambodh Ghat by Police.

(b) to (d) The Delhi Police have reported that following a request from the management Ayodhya Textile Mill, police protection was provided for eviction of one, Shri Ram Bilas, an ex-employee of Ayodhya Textile Mill, who was an unauthorised occupant. When the officers of Ayodhya Textile Mill were carrying out eviction, Shri Ram Bilas fainted and was rushed to the Bara Hindu Rao Hospital where he was declared dead. After postmortem the body of the deceased was handed over to his son in the presence of his family members and sympathisers. On 12.7.91, the body of the deceased was brought at Nigambodh Ghat by his family members and was cremated. The Delhi police have reported that there was no incident of police beating of mourners at Nigambodh Ghat.

Meeeting of Federation of Delhi Small Industries Association with MNTL Chief

1499. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Federation of Delhi Small Industries Association held some meeting with Chief of Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some decisions on the problems of S.I.A. have been taken;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether M.T.N.L. also proposes to issue directives for redressal of grievances of general public on same lines as in case of S.I.A.; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The meeting was held on 12.7.1991. The items discussed were:

1. Delayed fault rectification,
2. Delays in shifting,
3. Disconnection and restoration of telephones due to non-payment of bills.
4. Maintenance of telephone lines
5. Steps taken to improve telecom services, customer interface, etc.
6. Development plans.

(c) to (f) All these items were discussed and Small Industries Associations (SIA) members were apprised of various facilities extended for individual redressal of grievances as also other improvements that are being brought about such as:

(I) Meeting with Area Managers, Area General Managers between 3.00 to 4.00 PM on any working day with appointment.